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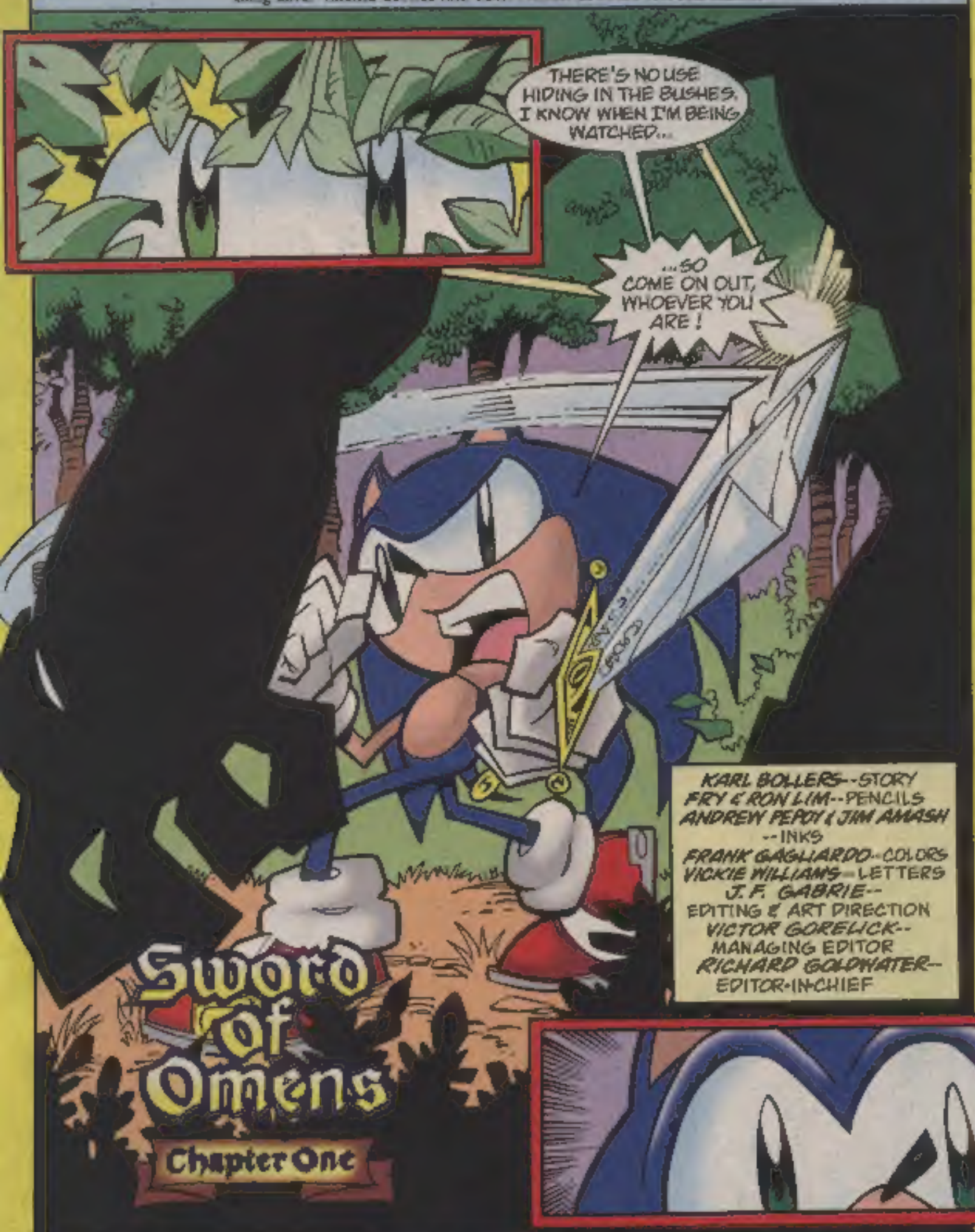

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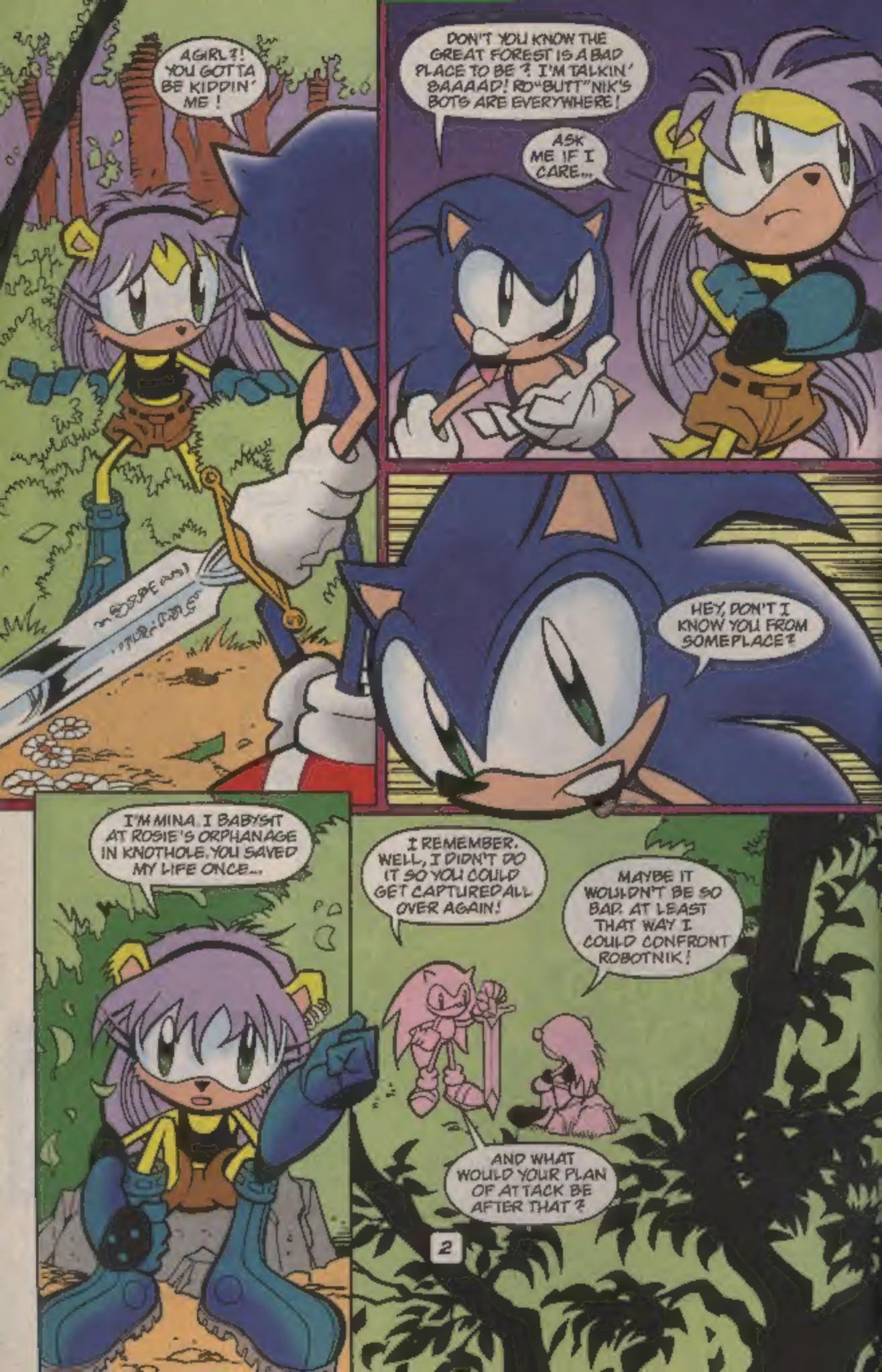
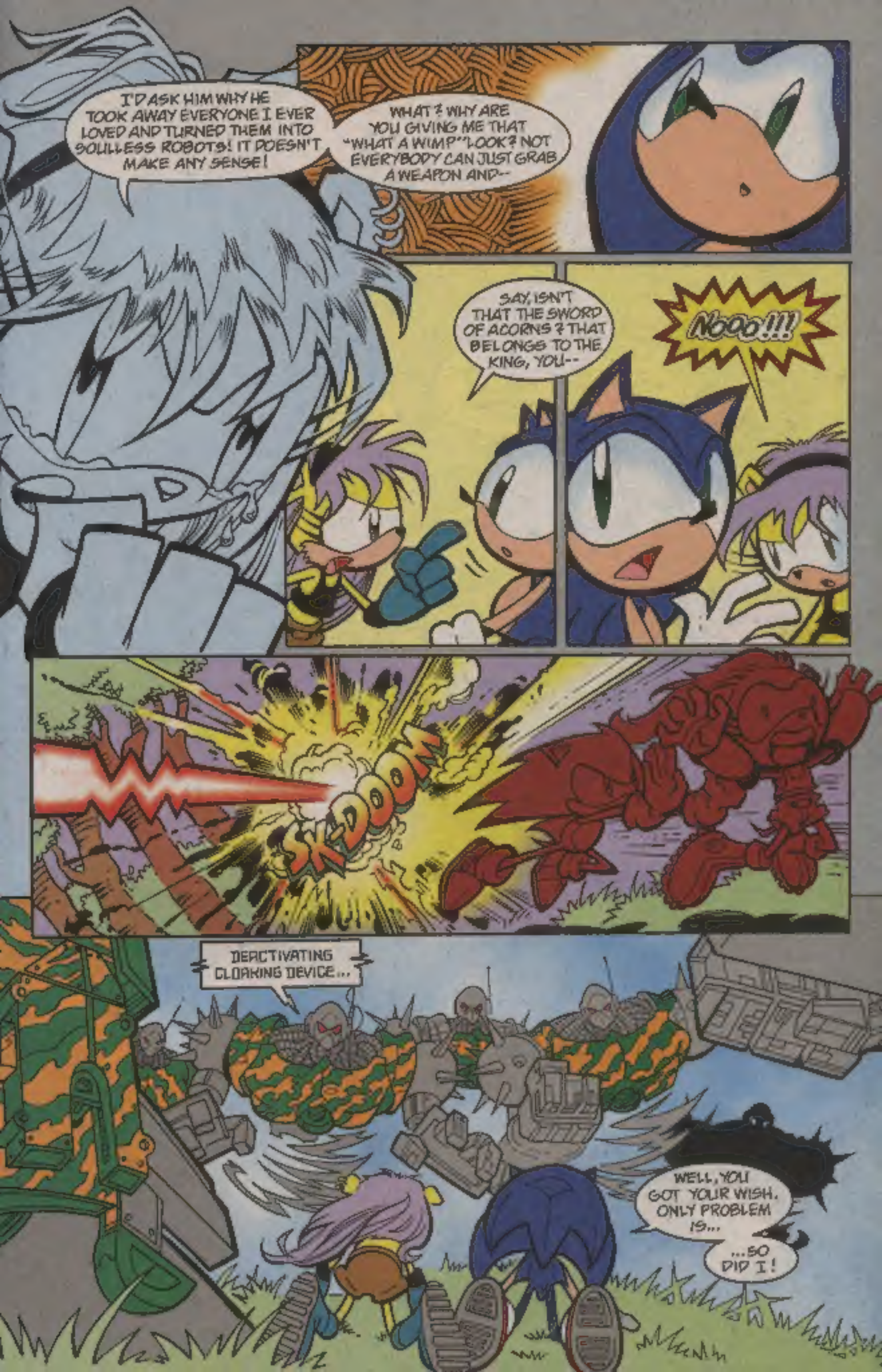

AGIRL?! YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME!
DON'T YOU KNOW THE GREAT FOREST IS A BAD PLACE TO BE? I'M TALKIN' BAAAAD! RO"BUTT"NIK'S BOTS ARE EVERYWHERE!
ASK ME IF I CARE...
HEY, DON'T I KNOW YOU FROM SOMEPLACE?
I'M MINA. I BABYSIT AT ROSIE'S ORPHANAGE IN KNOTHOLE. YOU SAVED MY LIFE ONCE...
I REMEMBER. WELL, I DIDN'T DO IT SO YOU COULD GET CAPTURED ALL OVER AGAIN!
MAYBE IT WOULDN'T BE SO BAD. AT LEAST THAT WAY I COULD CONFRONT ROBOTNIK!
AND WHAT WOULD YOUR PLAN OF ATTACK BE AFTER THAT?


I'D ASK HIM WHY HE TOOK AWAY EVERYONE I EVER LOVED AND TURNED THEM INTO SOULLESS ROBOTS! IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!
WHAT? WHY ARE YOU GIVING ME THAT "WHAT A WIMP" LOOK? NOT EVERYBODY CAN JUST GRAB A WEAPON AND--
SAY, ISN'T THAT THE SWORD OF ACORNS? THAT BELONGS TO THE KING, YOU--
NOOO!!!
SKDOOM
DEACTIVATING CLOAKING DEVICE...
WELL, YOU GOT YOUR WISH. ONLY PROBLEM IS...
...SO DID I!

ROBOTROPOLIS...
EXCELLENT! I SENT MY UPGRADED COM-BOTS TO LOCATE THAT TROUBLESOME SWORD OF ACORNS...
...ONLY TO FIND IT IN THE HANDS OF MY MOST HATED ENEMY--SONIC! THEY CAN FINISH OFF THE RODENT AND BRING ME THE BLADE!
SONIC'S UNCLE AND HIS PET REMAIN ROBOTICIZED AND MINE TO COMMAND, BUT THE SWORD SEEMED TO BRIEFLY RESTORE THEIR FREE WILL...
...AND WE CAN'T ALLOW THAT, CAN WE, SIR CHARLES?

KNOTHOLE KINGDOM...

I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT! WE'RE GOING TO BE A FAMILY AGAIN!

BELIEVE, SALLY! NOW THAT YOUR MOTHER IS BACK, THINGS WILL BE AS THEY SHOULD! LONG LIVE QUEEN ALICIA...

OH, MAX...

ARE YOU STRONG ENOUGH TO WALK ABOUT, MUM?

I AM FOR YOU, ELIAS. WHY DON'T YOU JOIN ME, MAX?

I-- I-- I CAN'T MOVE MY LEGS!!

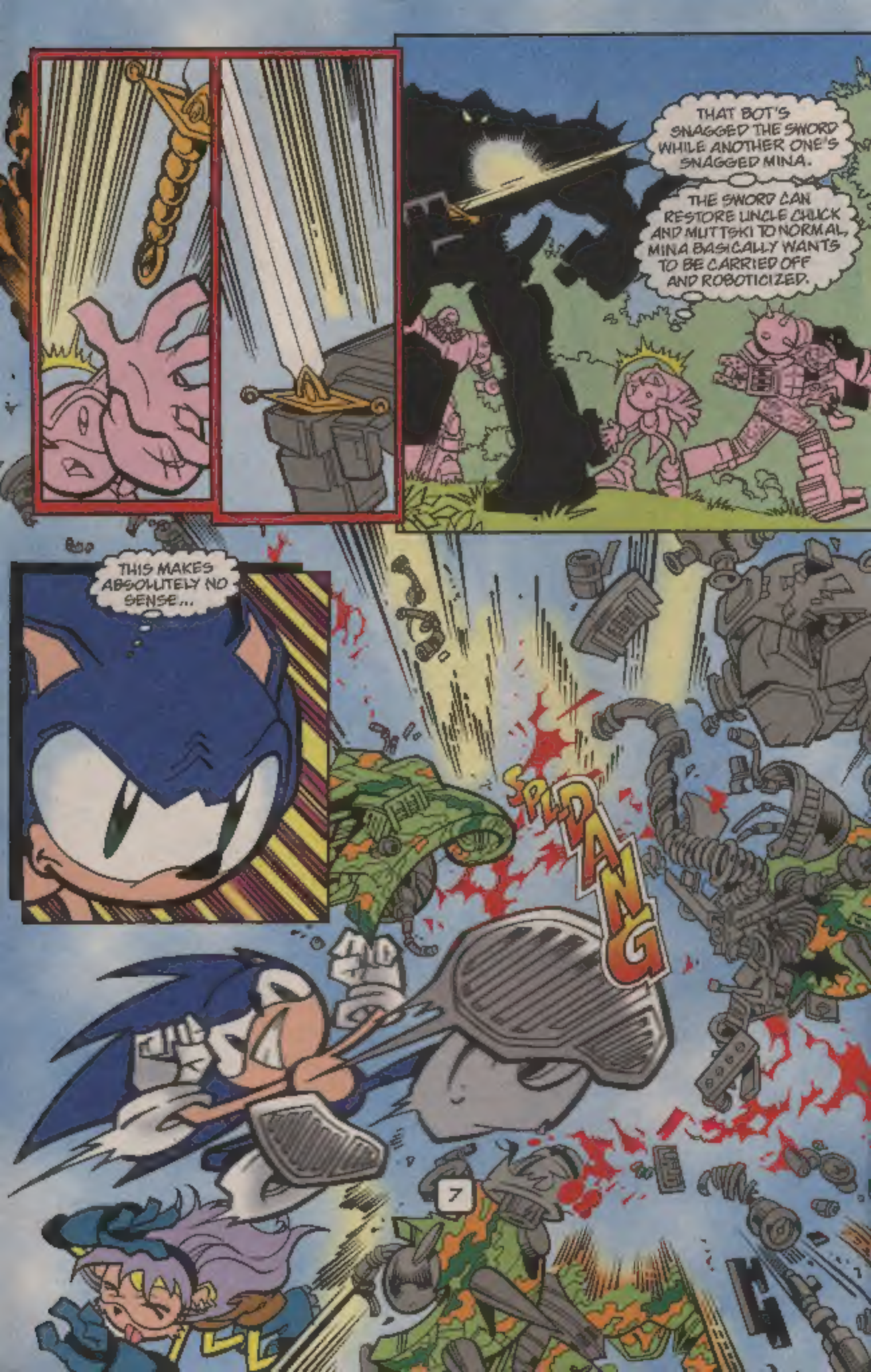
WHAT?

NOO!!

I'M SORRY...

...BUT WE TRIED OUR BEST...

STAND BACK, MINA--
--THIS COULD GET UGLY!
KLIK WHIRRR
KRAK
WHA--?!
LET GO OF ME!!
ACTIVATING MAGNETIC FIELD...


THAT BOT'S SNAGGED THE SWORD WHILE ANOTHER ONE'S SNAGGED MINA.
THE SWORD CAN RESTORE UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI TO NORMAL, MINA BASICALLY WANTS TO BE CARRIED OFF AND ROBOTICIZED.
THIS MAKES ABSOLUTELY NO SENSE...
SPLDANG
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...BUT WHO SAID IT HAD TO?
ACTIVATING CLOAKING DEVICE...
THAT WAS COOL.
SONIC-- LOOK OUT!!
THWOK
THUD
K-BASH
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Sword of Omens

WAKE-UGH-UP, SONIC

WE'VE-UGH-GOTTA GET-UGH-OUTTA HERE--

--FAST!!

HUH? FEET-KICKING UP DIRT LIKE CRAZY! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?

I'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER. RIGHT NOW, IT'S TIME TO JUICE!

WELL QUACK? WERE BOTH OPERATIONS A SUCCESS?
YES, GEOFFREY. THE KING REQUESTED YOUR PRESENCE.
ELIAS, I'M PARALYZED FROM THE WAIST DOWN, AND YOUR MOTHER REQUIRES TIME TO ADJUST. SO, AS OF THIS MOMENT...
I APPOINT YOU AS ACTING HEAD OF STATE!
I-
DON'T LOOK SO SAD, SWEETHEART. THIS IS ONLY TEMPORARY. YOUR FATHER WILL BE BETTER IN NO TIME.
WHAT?. ARE YOU SURE, HERSHEY?
AH, GEOFFREY! YOU'RE HERE. I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU...
I'M FORCED TO SPEAK FIRST, SIRE. THE SWORD OF ACORNS HAS BEEN STOLEN!

TO ME
TO ME!!
THE SWORD BELONGS TO ME!
HO! HO! HO! THE HEDGEHOG MUST BE LIVID..
IF HE ISN'T DEAD ALREADY
LET'S SEE..

ALERT! ALERT!
TWO UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS HAVE BEEN DETECTED IN FREE FALL OVER MOBIUS ULTIMATE DEST NATION ROBOTROPOLIS
WHAT?! COM BOTS - FORGET SONIC RETURN TO BASE AT ONCE.
THEY'RE LEAVING AT LAST! A FEW MORE SECONDS AND THEY WOULD VE HEARD MY HEART BEATING!
Jhhh..
SUCKER-PUNCHED BY COM BOTS. NOW I WAKE UP INSIDE A LOG NOT BAD..
.. I DIDN'T FIGURE ON WAKING UP IN NA? WHAT'S WRONG?
I LOST THE SWORD

YEAH, BUT YOU MANAGED TO SAVE BOTH OUR LIVES NOW, COME ON.

...LET'S GET IT BACK

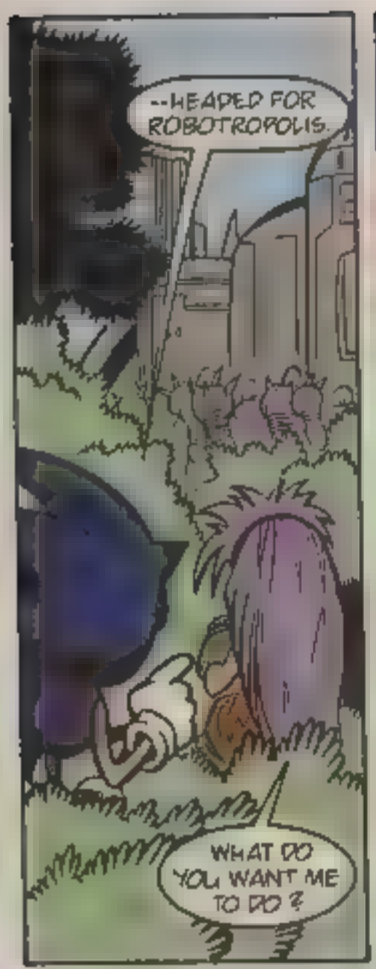
I WANT THAT ACCURSED WEAPON IN MY GRASP--

- BEFORE THOSE METEORS HIT!

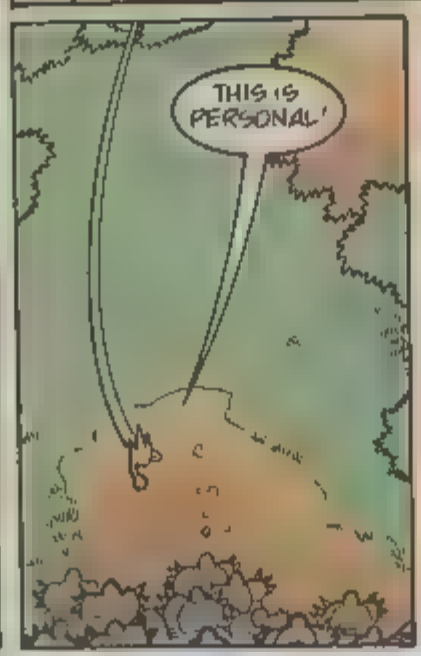
MY ROOF-TOP OBSERVATION DECK IS AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY TO WATCH THE FIREWORKS, AND MY COM-BOTS RETURN

THERE THEY ARE--

KNUCKLES.
THE ECHIDNA
SONIC
FAN ART
DANCE NIGHT
SONIC
KNUCKLES


--HEADED FOR ROBOTROPOLIS.
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

YOU STAY HERE!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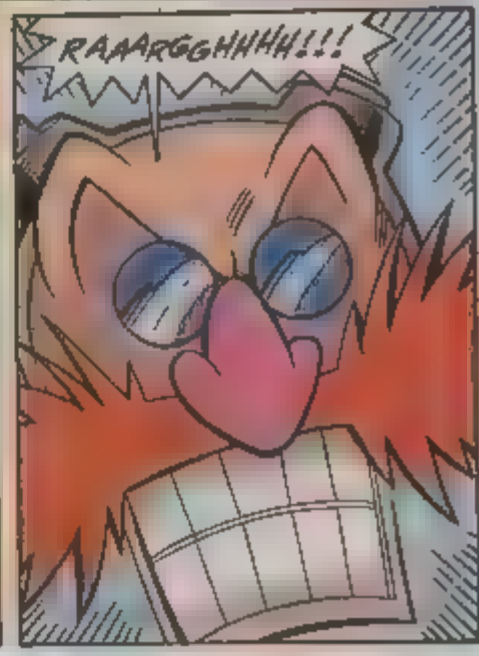
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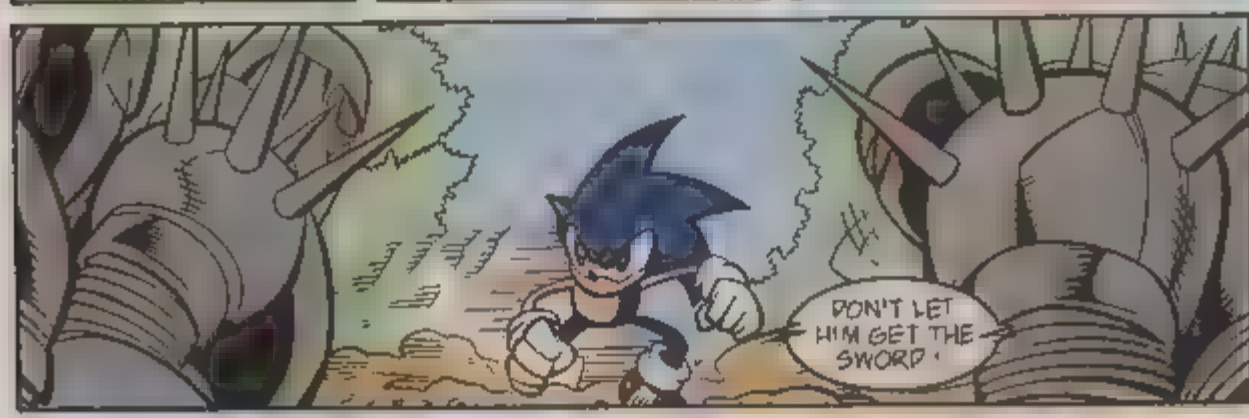
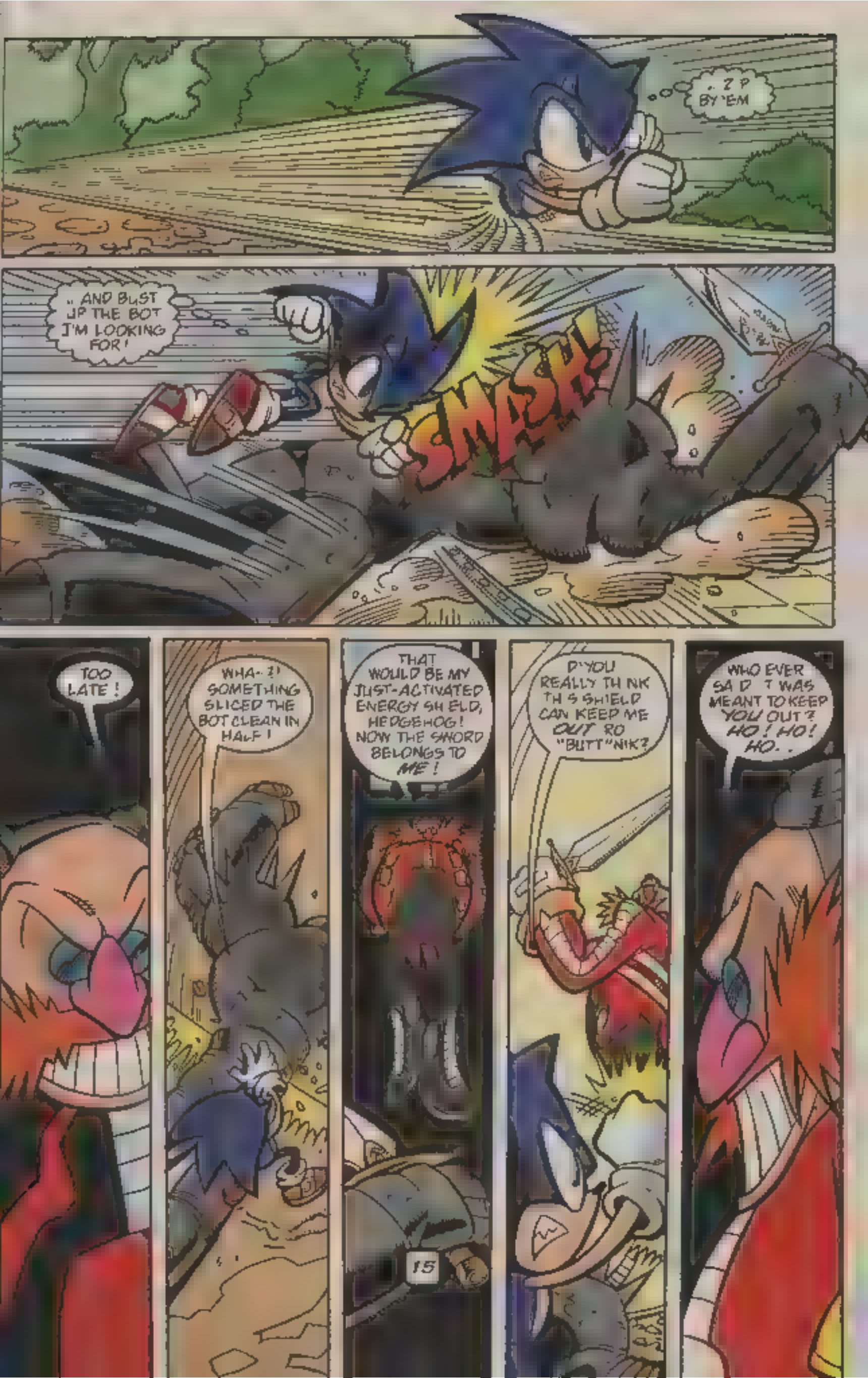
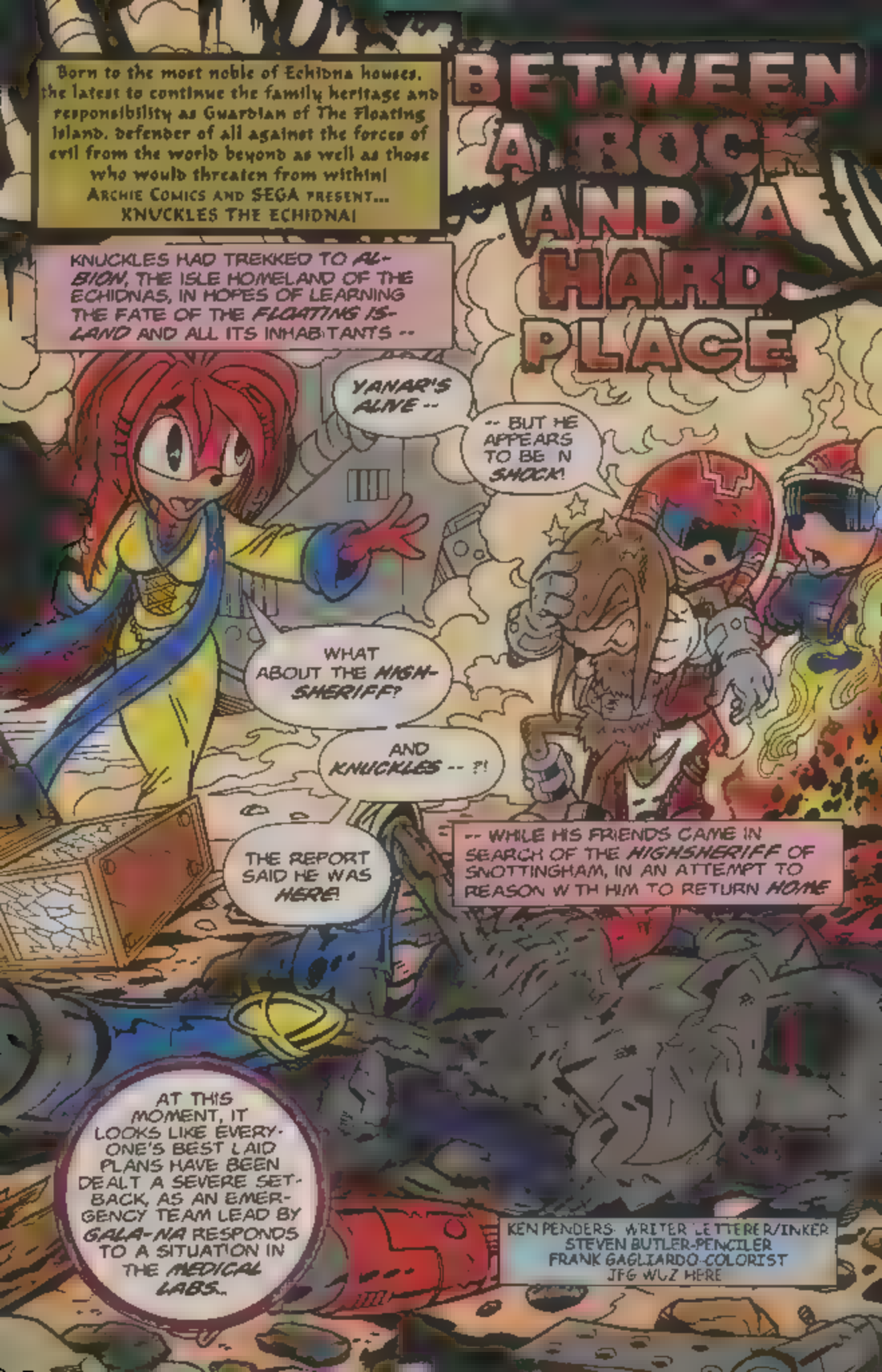

DON'T LET HIM GET THE SWORD!

ACTIVATING CLOAKING DEVICE.

THIS TIME I'LL PAY ATTENTION TO THEIR FOOTPRINTS INSTEAD.


.. ZIP BY 'EM
.. AND BUST UP THE BOT I'M LOOKING FOR!
SMASH!
TOO LATE!
WHA-?! SOMETHING SLICED THE BOT CLEAN IN HALF!
THAT WOULD BE MY JUST-ACTIVATED ENERGY SHIELD, HEDGEHOG! NOW THE SWORD BELONGS TO ME!
D'YOU REALLY THINK THIS SHIELD CAN KEEP ME OUT RO "BUTT"NIK?
WHO EVER SAID IT WAS MEANT TO KEEP YOU OUT? HO! HO! HO..

HO! HO! HO! HO!
DON'T MISS NEXT ISSUE!! NO MATTER WHAT!!!


Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!
ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT...
KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!
BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE
KNUCKLES HAD TREKKED TO ALBION, THE ISLE HOMELAND OF THE ECHIDNAS, IN HOPES OF LEARNING THE FATE OF THE FLOATING ISLAND AND ALL ITS INHABITANTS --
YANAR'S ALIVE --
-- BUT HE APPEARS TO BE IN SHOCK!
WHAT ABOUT THE HIGH-SHERIFF?
AND KNUCKLES -- ?!
THE REPORT SAID HE WAS HERE!
-- WHILE HIS FRIENDS CAME IN SEARCH OF THE HIGHSHERIFF OF SNOTTINGHAM, IN AN ATTEMPT TO REASON WITH HIM TO RETURN HOME
AT THIS MOMENT, IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE'S BEST LAID PLANS HAVE BEEN DEALT A SEVERE SETBACK, AS AN EMERGENCY TEAM LEAD BY GALA-NA RESPONDS TO A SITUATION IN THE MEDICAL LABS..
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JFG WUZ HERE

HARD TO SAY WHAT *DAMAGE* THE HIGHSHERIFF HAS *SUSTAINED*!

AS FOR *KNUCKLES* --

OVER H-HERE!

KNUCKLES? ARE YOU --

-- *OH!!*

"WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!!"

SACRE BLEU!!!

YOU CAN *NEVAIR* GET A *LIFT* WHEN YOU NEED ONE!

HEY, GUYS! ROB S *SIGNALLING* TO US!!

WE CAN TAKE THE *STAIRS*, SUGAR-TWAN!!

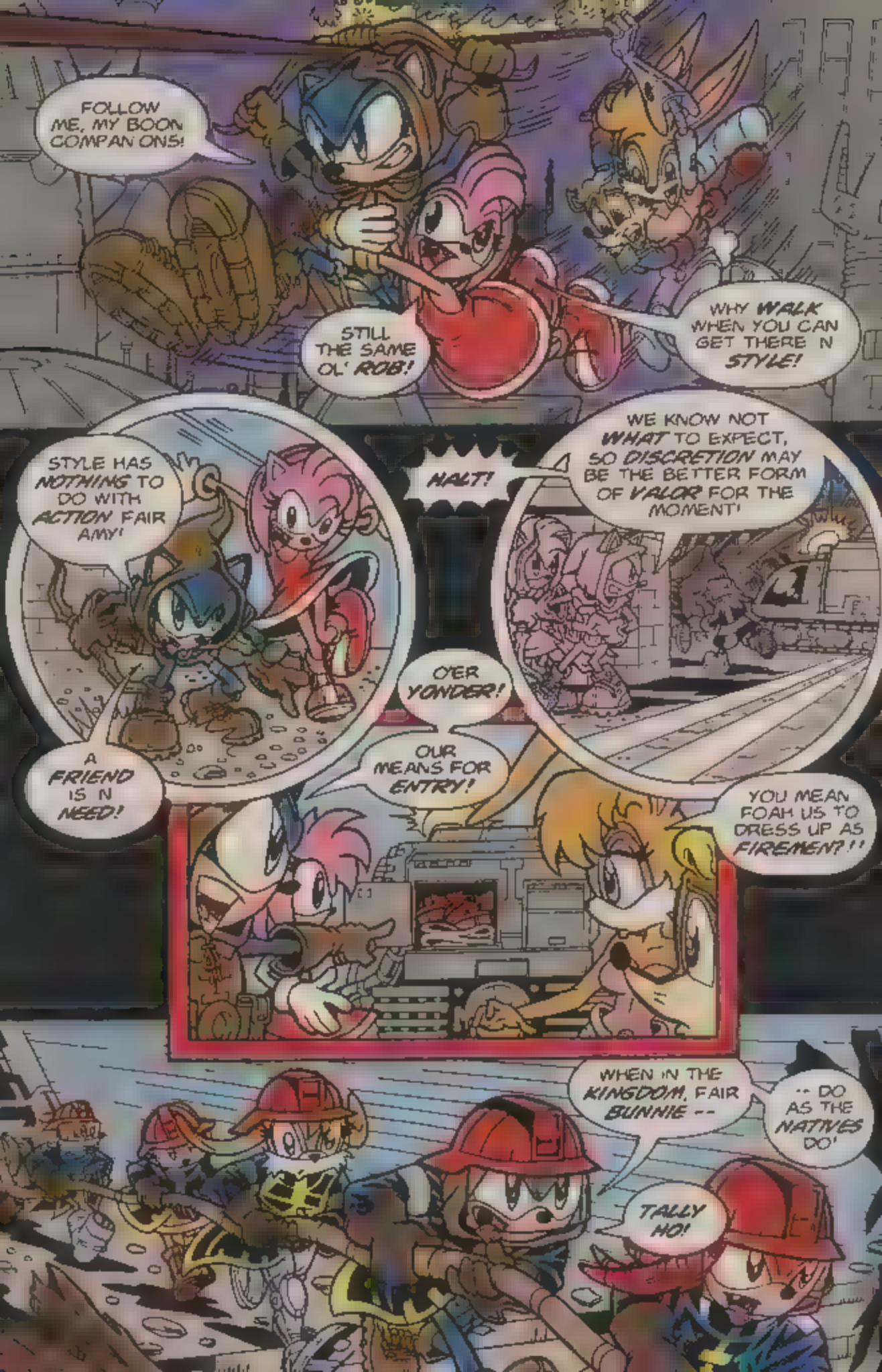
COME HITHER, MY FRIENDS!

I'VE FOUND A *MEANS*

WITH AIM SO TRUE AND A PERCH *SECURE* --

-- MY BOW AND SHAFT SHALL *DELIVER* US --

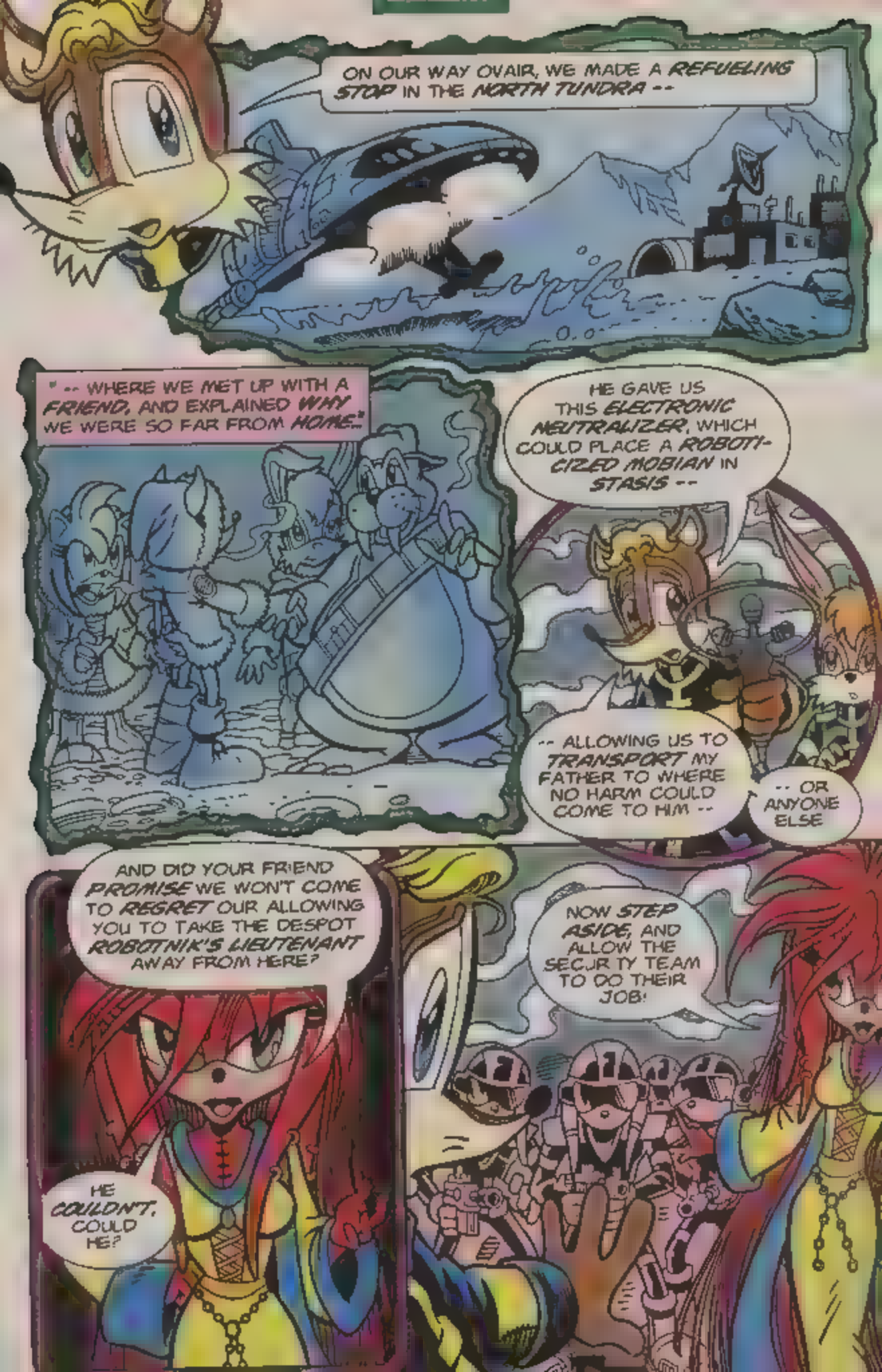
-- 'PON THE SHORTEST ROUTE TO OUR *FRIEND!*


FOLLOW ME, MY BOON COMPAN ONS!
STILL THE SAME OL' ROB!
WHY WALK WHEN YOU CAN GET THERE N STYLE!
STYLE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ACTION FAIR AMY!
A FRIEND IS N NEED!
HALT!
WE KNOW NOT WHAT TO EXPECT, SO DISCRETION MAY BE THE BETTER FORM OF VALOR FOR THE MOMENT!
O'ER YONDER!
OUR MEANS FOR ENTRY!
YOU MEAN FOAH US TO DRESS UP AS FIREMEN?!!
WHEN IN THE KINGDOM, FAIR BUNNIE --
-- DO AS THE NATIVES DO!
TALLY HO!

CAN YOU SEE ANYZHING?
WHATE'ER AWAITS US DOES NOT BODE WELL FOR FRIEND KNUCKLES!
I TAKE IT THIS IS THE CRITICAL SECTION!
NOT QUITE!
OVER THERE!
THIS SMOKE IS THICKUN THAN PEA SOUP!
DOES ANYONE ZEE WHERE MY FATHAIR EES?
IN ALL THIS CONFUSION, 'T'S HARD TO TELL!
BY THE BRISTLING BEARD OF KING LIONHEART --
-- COULD THAT BE KNUCKLES?!!
IMPOSSIBLE!
YOU LOOK LIKE THE VIDEO-FILES THE GREAT STEPPENWOLF LEFT US WITH REGARDS TO HIS UNCLE DIMITRI --
-- AFTER HE SUBJECTED HIMSELF TO THE CHAOS SYPHON!
FEELS WEIRD --
-- LIKE I'M BURNING UP!

ME -- LIKE DIMITRI?!!
HARDLY!
HOW?!!
I DIDN'T AIM A CHAOS SYPHON AT MYSELF!
MAYBE IT WAS PASSED DOWN TO YOU ZOMEHOW THROUGH ZEE FAMILY!
LOOK AT YOURSELF, KNUCKLES --
-- THE EMBODIMENT OF CHAOS ENERGY ITSELF!
NOBODY ELSE SINCE EVER BECAME LIKE DIMITRI!
FAMILY HISTORIES CAN BE A DIFFICULT THING TO TRACE, MONSIEUR!
FOR INSTANCE --
MY FATHAIR!!!
IT'S ME, ANTOINE --
-- YOUR SON!!!
FATHAIR!! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
WHAAK

THAT'S NOT A WAY A DAD SHOULD ACT TOWARDS HIS BOY!
GET ME SECURITY!
INTRUDER ALERT!!
DO NOT ALLOW H M PAST THIS COMPLEX!! SET PARTICLE CHARGES TO MAXIMUM!
BEGGIN' YOAH PARDON, MA'AM --
-- BUT YO'ALL NOT THINKIN' OF DOING ANYTHING DRASTIC NOW?
PLEASE -- PLEASE!! STOP ZIS!!!
LET ME REASON WITH MY FATHER!!
IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER WAY, I'D CONSIDER IT --
-- BUT THE HIGHSHERIFF POSES A MAJOR THREAT!
OUR SOCIETY WOULD BE AT GRAVE RISK IF HE WERE TO ESCAPE!
THE HIGHSHERIFF CAN'T DO ANYTHING AT THE MOMENT!
WHAT'S YOUR PLAN, ANTOINE?


ON OUR WAY OVAIR, WE MADE A REFUELING STOP IN THE NORTH TUNDRA --
" -- WHERE WE MET UP WITH A FRIEND, AND EXPLAINED WHY WE WERE SO FAR FROM HOME."
HE GAVE US THIS ELECTRONIC NEUTRALIZER, WHICH COULD PLACE A ROBOTI-CIZED MOBIAN IN STASIS --
-- ALLOWING US TO TRANSPORT MY FATHER TO WHERE NO HARM COULD COME TO HIM --
-- OR ANYONE ELSE
AND DID YOUR FRIEND PROMISE WE WON'T COME TO REGRET OUR ALLOWING YOU TO TAKE THE DESPOT ROBOTNIK'S LIEUTENANT AWAY FROM HERE?
HE COULDN'T, COULD HE?
NOW STEP ASIDE, AND ALLOW THE SECURITY TEAM TO DO THEIR JOB!

THOUGH I AM UNABLE TO *COMPREHEND* HOW, WE'RE BACK IN *DEERWOOD FOREST*, FAIR COUSIN!
NOT *ALL* OF US, ROB --
" -- AS I DON'T SEE ANY SIGN OF *ANTOINE* AND *BUNNIE* NEARBY."
YOAH FATHER'S SNUG AS A BUG IN A RUG, SUGAH-TWAN!
WHATEVER *KNUCKLES* DID, I CAN'T *THANK* HIM ENOUGH!
"I JUST HOPE HE'S NOT IN ANY *TROUBLE* BACK THERE..."
-- NO SIGN OF HIM OR HIS FRIENDS *ANYWHERE*, MA'AM!
I WAS *AFRAID* OF THIS!
FOR SOME TIME NOW, KNUCKLES HAS SHOWN SIGNS OF HARNESSING POWER *EQUIVALENT* TO THAT OF HIS *ANCESTOR, DIMITRI!*
NOW THAT HE TAPS INTO IT *INSTINCTIVELY*, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
NEXT: WOULD'JA BELIEVE... *NACK* AND *NIC THE WEASELS?*

SONIC-GRAMS

THIS JUST IN!

J.F. GABRIE EDITOR

Did I say Michael Gallagher and Dave Manak are both taking one issue off? I meant *three*. Both gentlemen have been so besieged by other projects, that the strips have taken longer to develop than originally thought. So with issue #92, we should have the mastermind comic strip creator team of Gallagher and Manak back in our midst. Thanks, guys.

On another note, I've begun to receive some of your letters about what you think issue 100 is going to be about. And believe me, some of these guesses range from funny to just strange, man! One or two of the ones I received come close, but they are off in certain key instances. Don't be left out of the fun. Write in to the address below and add the sentence, "I KNOW WHAT HAPPENS IN #100!" right on the envelope. So keep them coming!

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Next issue: They say that birds of a feather flock stay together, but Sonic and Mina aren't birds, and neither of them have feathers. So what exactly do they have in common? Besides a bloodthirsty army of Robotnik's ultra-improved Com-Bots out to get them, more than you (or they) would think! But don't take our word for it, see for yourself next month when it all happens right in the pages of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #91, as chronicled by Karl Bollers, framed by FRY, and ably embellished by Andrew Pepoy!

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And now, without further adieu, we proudly present the latest, exciting installment of Sonic-Grams:

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I just finished reading the "SONIC ADVENTURE" adaptation, and is was great! I really liked the way Super Sonic looked because of his buckles and longer quills plus Chaos really looked cool, too. The SONIC comic is awesome! Now, it's time for some questions: 1) Is Amy Rose going to remain a teenager? 2) Will Ultra-Sonic, Polar-Sonic, or Solar Sonic be in any more issues? 3)Will the new Doctor Robotnik have a new sidekick like the old one had Snively?

Kyle Churchill, (age 10)
Lexington, MA

1) Sure seems like she will, Kyle! 2) Only if Sonic manages to somehow absorb the power of an entire Super Emerald. 3) The new Robotnik will indeed have a sidekick--like Snively.

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I really love your comics! I have been collecting since issue #74. Now, on to my questions: 1) How many SONIC issues are there? 2) Is Hyper-Knuckles a villain? 3) Will Big the Cat and E-102 Gamma become Freedom Fighters? That's all the questions for now. Keep up the good work!

Austin Parsley (age 9)
Pickerington, OH

1) You are holding the ninetieth issue of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, Austin! Sonic has also been featured in fifteen SUPER SPECIALS, as well as in several mini-series and one-shots. 2) Hyper-Knuckles is not a villain. 3) No time soon...

Dear Archie Comics,
Since you cancelled KNUCKLES, make sure he's in every issue of SONIC. Anyway, I HATE the new footnote reference! The numbers are too small, and do you know how irritating it is to have to flip to the end of the book to see it? You might accidentally see the ending, too! It was so much easier to just see it in the panel. Finally, I once subscribed to SONIC, but no one gave me any warning when my subscription was over.

Michael Stone
Madison, WI

KNUCKLES is now the regular back-up feature in SONIC! Just because you demanded it, Michael, we've axed the footnote reference.

Hi people,
This is your number one Brazilian fan writing again! I just got issue #85, and I loved it! In Sonic's own words, "Less talk, more juice!" I'll bet Robo-bobo scraps the Silver Sonic idea permanently after this one. I was glad to see Rotor again, too. And I agree with Heather Moseng; I think Mina would make a good Freedom Fighter. I do have a couple of questions: 1) First, what are those two knobs on Robotnik's head? 2) What happened to Snively and the rest of the Gulag prisoners after issues #70 and #76? 3) I'm missing issues #36-#46-- is there any way I could get those issues without ordering them individually from the back-issues offer?

Nathan 'Gonzo' Mitchell
BRAZIL

We hope old Robotnik scraps the Silver Sonic idea too, Nathan-- for his own sake! Glad you like the issue, and now to answer your questions: 1) Those two "knobs" aren't knobs-- believe it or not, they're actually protective goggles Robotnik wears while at work in the laboratory. 2) They've all been hiding since Robotnik's return. However, expect two of them to appear next issue. 3) You could try asking your nearest comic book retailer about those missing issues, but you can also order several issues from our office at once.

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I like the way you've made your comics so great for children. I liked the "Sonic Adventure" adaptation. I think you did a great job on all eighty-six issues, and you should bring back the KNUCKLES comic!

Jacob Lyons, (age 10)
Goshen, MA

Thanks for the kind words, Jake!

Dear Archie Comics,
I just finished readin' issue #86, and I thought it was the BOMB (just like I think every issue of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG is)!!! I didn't expect to see Metal Sonic!!! Well, I'm sure Sonic will kick his butt...again! I think the "Off-Panel" strips are cool!!! I have always liked the funny one best! Oh, wait-- they're all funny!!! Well, to make a long story short, I think they are great! So there is my opinion! On with the questions: 1) Is Silver Sonic 2 now the permanent guardian of Station Square? 2) How old are Antoine and Bunnie? 3) How old is Fiona Fox? On to something else: I hope you guys make a mini-series for tails and have him chill out with Fiona or something. Well, gotta juice!

Hilda Hernandez, (age 13)
Lodi, CA

1) Silver Sonic 2 is now Station Square's protector, Hilda! 2) Antoine is nineteen and Bunnie is seventeen 3) Fiona is thirteen.

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I really like the cover on issue #86. It's the best one I've seen in a long time. I bet Spaz put a lot of work into it. Anyway, I have some questions: 1) Will we ever see Ixis Naugus, again? 2) Will Turbo Tails or Hyper Knuckles return? 3) Did Eddy the snow beast survive way back in issue #66? Well, gotta juice!

Stuart Copeland
CANADA

1) Only if he breaks free of the Zone of Silence where he remains imprisoned, Stu! 2) Only time will tell! 3) No, Eddy made the ultimate sacrifice...

Well, it's that time again...y'know, when we run out of space to print letters? Don't worry, though, we'll be back next month! So keep on writing and...

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

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